

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – SALIENT EVENTS

Week Ending May 18, 2012

Dimock Follow-up Media Inquiries Continue - The press office continues to field follow-up inquiries from local, national and trade media asking about what happens next in EPA's groundwater investigation at Dimock, Pa. Reporters calling this week included Andy Maykuth of the Philadelphia Inquirer, reporter Banerjee Neela of the Los Angeles Times and Charlie Passut of the Intelligence Press (Oil and gas trade publication). (Terri White, 814-5523 and Roy Seneca, 814-5567)

NPR Runs Week-long Series on Fracking - All this week, National Public Radio has been airing a daily series on fracking called "The Fracking Boom: Missing Answers." The series looks at fracking from a national perspective with a heavy focus on residents living near fracking sites, who have blamed health and water problems on drilling activities. Along with the national series, WHYY in Philadelphia ran a segment Monday on its "Radio Times" show called "Natural fracking: an update" that featured interviews with reporters Susan Phillips from State Impact Pennsylvania and Abrahm Lustgarten from Propublica. The WHYY segment included much discussion about fracking in Dimock, Pa. (Roy Seneca, 814-5567)